

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Amend the HEADING of PAGE 1, as follows:

DESCRIPTION TITLE

ADD the following paragraph before LINE 2, immediately following the title of the invention:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to German Patent Application DE 102004009782.8, filed February 28, 2004.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention has for an object novel cationic heteroarylazine dyes and colorants containing these compounds, for dyeing keratin fibers, for example hair, wool or furs.

Description of Related Art

In general, keratin fibers are dyed either with oxidation dyes formed by the coupling of one or more developer components with one or more coupler components, or with direct dyes.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Surprisingly, we have now found that cationic heteroarylazine dyes of general formulas (I) and (II) can be used as direct dyes in dye compositions and applied to keratin fibers without the addition of an oxidant thus acting very gently.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention therefore has for an object cationic heteroarylazine dyes of general formulas (I) and (II)